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For: ASTAXANTHIN MEDIUM-CHAIN) Confirmation No.: Unassigned
FATTY ACID ESTER, PRODUCTION)
METHOD OF THE SAME, AND)
COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE)
SAME)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly amend
the application as follows.